



## **Do Not Harden Your Heart**

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Hebrews 3:7-19

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### **What we have seen so far ...**

- The Theme of the Book - Jesus is "Better" ...

Than The O.T. Prophets (1:1-4)

Than Angels (1:5-14)

Because He Became One of Us (2:1-18)

Jesus is Better than Moses (3:1-6)

### **Where we are headed ...**

- "Therefore ..." (3:7)

*Cf. 3:1 "Consider Jesus, the Apostle (the Word from God) and High Priest (the Way to God) of our confession."*

3:8 "Therefore ... Do not harden your hearts ..." (see vs. 13, 15)

The 2<sup>nd</sup> warning in the book of Hebrews

## LESSON - Do Not Harden Your Heart (3:7-19)

### I. THE ILLUSTRATION vs. 7-11 (These verses are a quote from Psalm 95:7-11)

The **PLEA** ... "today" v. 7 (cf. v. 13, 15; 4:7; 2 Corinthians 6:2)

The **PICTURES** ... "Do not harden your heart ..." v. 8 (cf. 1 Timothy 4:2; Proverbs 29:1)

#### *3 Instances in the Life of Israel*

- 1) Massah and Meribah - *"When they provoked Me ... in the wilderness"* v. 8 (Exodus 17:1-7)
- 2) Kadesh-barnea - *"Where your fathers tried Me by testing Me ... for forty years."* v. 9 (Numbers 14)
- 3) Israel in the wilderness - *"Therefore I was angry with this generation ..."* vs. 10-11

### II. THE INVITATION v. 12 (This verse is now applied to the Hebrews and us)

*"Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart..."*

*"... that falls away from the living God."*

### III. THE INSTRUCTIONS vs. 13-18 (What we are supposed to do)

The Decision of Man vs. 13-14

Give **ENCOURAGEMENT** to one another. v. 13

Give **EVIDENCE** of your salvation. v. 14 (cf. v. 6; John 15; 1 John 2:19)

The Decision of God vs. 15-18

#### **Today's Growth Points From v. 19 "So we see ..."**

- 1) Persevering faith is about more than your **ACTIONS**. It is about your **ATTITUDE**
- 2) Persevering faith is a **COMMUNITY** project done with the Church.